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In a counterpart Japanese application, a Japanese Office Action was issued on August 24, 2004. According to an English translation obtained by Applicants' representative of the Japanese Office Action, the Japanese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the reference.

Document B1 discloses a lane keep system.

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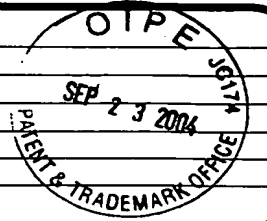
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